

Editorial

Another new year has come; as usual, once the dust has settled down, reality will be seen by one and all—that is pressing issues related to global climate situation. Without USA—the largest economy in the world—the Paris agreement is not going to be easy to implement. No doubt China and India has now given a clear cut time table to reduce their emission but this is just a drop in the ocean since the high per capita CO_2 from rich countries will continue to drive the climate down hill until they also agree to implement the rules of the game. The rich-poor divide is more striking in this key environmental issue than in any other aspects of global warming. Hope better sense will prevail with all nations to move forward the agenda successfully for the sake of future generations.

As with all our *Journal* issues, the current one—first for this year—carries a mix of papers all peer reviewed and prioritised to reflect regional distribution of research in Asia and other parts of the world. With active support from the scientific community, our journal has been successfully bringing out quarterly issues with aplomb for the last 14 years. Hope we will be able to continue to do so in the future as well.

On behalf of the editorial committee and the publisher and distributor, I take this opportunity to wish all readers of the journal a very happy 2018!

Have a good reading!

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Subramanian', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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